and destruction that occurred. The Commission has also observed that in the light of the fact that numerous allegations have been made, both in the media and before the Team of the Commission, about the lack of faith in the integrity of the investigating process and the ability of those conducting investigation, there was need for greater transparency and integrity to investigate the instances of death and destruction of property and to instill confidence in the minds of the general public.

(c) and (d) The Commission has not recommended investigation of the communal clashes in the State by a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court. However, there have been demands from certain quarters including some political parties for an inquiry by a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court. The Government of Gujarat has to take a view on this demand.

New strategy on Kashmir

2576. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Centre working on new Kashmir strategy" as reported in the Times of India dated 21st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated a new strategy on Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the new strategy will bring peace in the valley and strengthen its overall developments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for a "major socio-economic package" on Kashmir. However, Government is pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to bring peace

and normalcy in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and strengthen its overall development. Necessary refinements in the above strategy continue to be made as per requirements from time to time.

National Conference for Indian Women in Police

2577. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for 33 per cent reservation for women in police in the recently held National Conference for Indian Women in Police in Delhi;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the other major issues discussed in the Conference and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Some of the issues raised in the National Conference for Women in Police held in New Delhi from 19—21 February, 2002 are as under:—

(i) Thirty three percent representation/recruitment of women in police service;

(ii) Setting up of a forum for Women in Police at the Centre and State levels;

(iii) Equality of opportunity in recruitment and job roles;

(iv) Training and Development opportunities;

(v) Basic minimum facilities for women in police and welfare measures.

Police being a State subject, reservations for women in police recruitment has to be determined by the concerned States in the accordance with their respective laws and rules.

The Ministry of Home Affairs have been advising the States to encourage more representation of women in Police through various methods including opening of Police Stations to be exclusively managed by women.

Assistance is being provided under the Scheme for modernisation